February 20: Conducting Autism Research: A Primer for Newbies: This one-hour workshop will provide a brief overview of topics relevant to researchers interested in entering the field of autism. The workshop will be facilitated by Drs. Becca McNally (IUSM), Bridgette Kelleher (HHS), and Mandy Rispoli (EDU); as well as Meagan Carrero, a parent of a child on the spectrum. The primer will include details on conceptualizing autism, understanding standardized practices for diagnostic phenotyping for research including selecting and interpreting measures, and respecting culture and priorities of the autism community. This training is open to faculty, postdocs, students (graduate and undergraduate), and research staff. The workshop will take place on Thursday, February 20, from 1:30-2:30 in Lyles-Porter Hall 1160. Space is still available. Please RSVP at this link.

March 28-29: ADOS-2 Clinical Training is a two-day workshop facilitated by a certified trainer. Participants learn how to use the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS-2) to assess and diagnose autism through both didactic teaching on autism and the ADOS-2, as well as experiential teaching in which the leader demonstrates ADOS-2 administration and together the group practices ADOS-2 scoring. This training is open to anyone on campus (including folks who do not work with humans) who want to gain a deeper understanding of autism symptoms and diagnosis. For example, researchers interested in autism who have not previously conducted autism research are welcome to attend. Faculty, students, and staff are welcome. This training is scheduled for March 28-29, and individuals who expressed interest will receive an email with additional details. Please contact Meagan Carrero if you did not RSVP and would like to attend.